

## New dispute blocks pullout talks

TEL AVIV (R) — A new dispute between Israel and Lebanon about withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon has led to cancellation of two scheduled meetings of their representatives this week, Israeli officials said Tuesday. The planned meetings of sub-committees dealing with various aspects of the withdrawal and the establishment of bilateral relations between the two states were supposed to have been held Tuesday and Wednesday in Israel. But Israeli and Lebanese negotiators were unable to agree on a venue when they met Monday in the Lebanese suburb of Khaldé, south of Beirut. The teams are to make a fresh effort to settle the dispute on Thursday in the northern Israeli town of Kiryat Shmona.



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## Princess Alia, Mirza divorce

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Highness Princess Alia, daughter of His Majesty King Hussein, and her husband Nasser Mirza, were divorced on Tuesday. The divorce proceedings were conducted by the Amman Sharia judge in the presence of the chief of the Royal Court and other Sharia court officials.

## Morocco ready to host Israeli-PLO talks

PARIS (R) — King Hassan of Morocco was quoted Tuesday as saying he would be ready to host a meeting between an Israeli peace movement and members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). In an interview with French journalists before President Francois Mitterrand's visit to Morocco this week, King Hassan said he met representatives of Israel's "peace camp" twice in 1980 and last year. They were the same group PLO leader Yasser Arafat had met last week, the king said in the interview published in the newspaper Le Monde. Three Israeli members of the Israeli-Palestinian peace council conferred with Mr. Arafat in an undisclosed place on ways to achieve Middle East peace.

## Omani, S. Yemeni delegations meet in Salalah

BAHRAIN (R) — Delegations from Oman and South Yemen are meeting in Salalah, Oman, for talks on defining their joint border, the official Emirates News Agency WAM said Tuesday. Oman and South Yemen signed a declaration of principles last October ending 15 years of hostility and paving the way for a resumption of relations between the two Gulf neighbours. The agency quoted South Yemen's Deputy Interior Minister Abdul Wassa Salim, heading the Aden delegation, as reaffirming his country's commitment to the declaration of principles. Implementation of the agreement would promote security and stability in the region and bring prosperity to its peoples, he added.

## U.S. Congress returns to work

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Congress returned to work Tuesday in a spirit of mounting rebellion among both Democrats and Republicans against President Reagan's proposed economic programme and defence expenditures. Congress also faces decisions in the next few months on Mr. Reagan's MX nuclear missile system and on a politically unpopular plan to prevent the social security retirement system from going bankrupt. The new 98th congress convened on Jan. 3, the date set by the U.S. constitution, and recessed immediately until Tuesday in order to hear President Reagan's annual State of the Union speech before beginning its legislative work.

## Iranian diplomat defects to Britain

LONDON (R) — An Iranian diplomat based in Libya has defected to Britain and the government is considering his request for political asylum, the Home Office said Tuesday. A Home Office spokesman was commenting on a report from an Iranian opposition group that Farokh Sharif, a 47-year-old diplomat at the Tripoli embassy had fled to Britain. The exile opposition group said in a statement telephoned to Reuters Mr. Farokh had joined the national resistance movement of Iran, headed by the Shah's last Prime Minister Shapour Bakhtiar who now lives in exile in Paris. Mr. Farokh is the second Iranian diplomat to join Mr. Bakhtiar's nationalist movement in six months. In the past year several other Iranian diplomats have left their posts to join the Paris-based National Council of Resistance which is a loose alliance of Iranian leftists and liberals. The Iranian government has said that the diplomats defected to the West on being recalled to Tehran.

# Palestinian leaders begin crucial talks in Aden today

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Palestinian commando leaders open crucial talks in Aden Wednesday on future policy amid signs of growing differences between supporters and critics of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat.

The two-day meeting is expected to bring together the secretaries-general of the eight PLO commando groups as well as members of the organisation's executive committee.

Palestinian sources in Damascus said the mainstream PLO leadership was hoping for agreement on a common strategy for the organisation, which has appeared divided recently on its approach to Middle East peace initiatives.

The agreement could then be presented to the Palestine National Council (parliament-in-exile), which is due to meet in Algiers next month for the first time since last summer's evacuation of PLO commandos from Beirut, the sources said.

Key items on Wednesday's agenda will be a joint stand on

Middle East peace proposals.

In a statement after a meeting in Libya two weeks ago, four pro-Syrian PLO groups rejected both an Arab Middle East peace plan and President Reagan's peace proposals announced last September.

The statement was signed by the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC), the Syrian-backed Saqqa group and the Popular Struggle Front (PSF).

Officials of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) said the group endorsed the statement but its signature was not on the document.

Mr. Arafat has endorsed the Arab plan, which calls for an independent Palestinian state on the

Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. He has also welcomed parts of the Reagan proposals, which envisage Palestinian self-rule in the two territories in association with Jordan.

Relations between Mr. Arafat and Syria have become frosty after he and thousands of Palestinian commandos withdrew from Beirut following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

In Amman Al Ra'i newspaper, published here on Tuesday, said that Mr. Arafat has decided to suspend the membership of Nimr Saleh, alias Abu Saleh, from the Fatah movement central committee.

The newspaper quoted Mr. Arafat as saying that Mr. Saleh's recent statements are in disharmony with the democratic trend of the Fatah movement.

Mr. Arafat, who was speaking in a press conference in Aden on Tuesday, attacked the statement recently issued by five Palestinian organisations in Libya criticising the Arab peace plan and the Jordanian-Palestinian dialogue.

He said such a statement does not represent the views of the Palestinian people.

Meanwhile in Beirut, the PLO representative in Beirut Shafiq Al Hout said that it is no longer permissible for Palestinian leaders to act according to their short-sighted interests and that the Palestinian people have to be persuaded that "those who are promising them to liberate Jaffa and Lydda should be able to liberate whatever is left of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip."

In an article published by Al Anba newspaper Tuesday, Mr. Hout said "If the PFLP, for example, views the Fatah summit resolutions and the confederal talks with Jordan as a departure from the Palestinian national charter and a treason of the Palestinian cause, how can the PFLP then call for national unity with Fatah, whose leader and the chairman of the PLO Executive Committee is allegedly working to implement the Fatah summit resolutions and heading the confederal talks with Jordan?"

Mr. Hout said such an attitude has only harmed the Palestinian cause, and such a division of ranks can no longer convince anyone even those who are responsible for it.

## Frem: Lebanon should eventually sign peace treaty

BEIRUT (R) — The commander of the main Christian militia in Lebanon, Fadi Frem, said Tuesday his country should eventually sign a peace treaty with Israel.

But he made it clear in an interview with Reuters that this was a long-term aim and that if Lebanon even agreed to normalise relations with Israel at present Syria would refuse to withdraw its troops from Lebanese territory.

The "Lebanese Forces" militia commanded by Mr. Frem is now the biggest private army in Lebanon and wields considerable political influence.

Mr. Frem said: "We believe that Lebanon should reach a peace treaty with Israel on the long term."

He said Lebanon wanted to

achieve freedom of political action by creating a balance between its two neighbours, Syria and Israel.

But the 30-year-old militia leader, speaking in a modern concrete bunker in his Beirut headquarters, said that in suggesting a peace treaty the "Lebanese Forces" were looking at the long-term interests of Lebanon.

He said at present Lebanese officials trying to negotiate the withdrawal of all Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from their country faced a dilemma.

"For the Israelis to withdraw they want normalisation. But if Lebanon gives normalisation to Israel, Syria will not withdraw," he said.

"I really do not know Lebanese negotiators will be...

to cope with this."

He said the Lebanese were pinning their hopes on efforts by United States to negotiate a solution.

But Mr. Frem said he feared that if the U.S.-led diplomacy did not produce results soon, Washington might reassess its commitment to Lebanon and the country could disintegrate.

Asked how the militia would respond if an official Israeli inquiry stated that the "Lebanese Forces" had been involved in last September's massacre of Palestinian civilians in Beirut refugee camps, Mr. Frem said: "We will not enter into a cycle of accusation and counter-accusation with the

'Lebanese Forces' were not involved in the terrible massacre that took place."

Syria's security

In Damascus Syria's state-controlled press said Tuesday that acceptance of Israel's demand for early-warning stations in Lebanon would infringe Syrian security and invite dangerous consequences.

Al Baath, organ of the ruling Baath Socialist Party, said the current impasse in Israeli, Lebanese and U.S. negotiations should not be surmounted by allowing Israel to keep spy stations in Lebanon.

"This would constitute a clear infringement of the security of Syria and Lebanon, if not an infringement of the whole Arab Nation's security," it said.

## Reagan not worried by slide in opinion poll

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan, facing strong political challenges to his leadership, said he was not worried by a slide in his opinion poll ratings as he prepared to deliver his annual State of the Union address Tuesday night.

Mr. Reagan's confidence was underlined by the White House. It said he intended to reaffirm his basic conservative anti-recession plan despite demands for changes to reduce the highest unem-

ployment and government spending deficits since the World War II.

In his televised address to a joint session of Congress at 9 p.m. (0200 GMT Wednesday), the president was expected to focus on the economy, which critics call his weak point half-way through his four-year term.

Before he briefed congressional leaders on the speech this morning, he read two new opinion polls

reporting a continued decline in support for some major policies he planned to defend in his address.

Asked by reporters if he was worried by the polls, he replied: "Not really. I don't think those people voted for me anyway."

White House officials said Mr. Reagan, in his address Tuesday night and in the new budget scheduled to go to Congress on Monday, would resist demands for immediate tax increases and

defence spending cuts larger than the \$8 billion he has projected for the 1984 financial year.

They said the estimated 1984 budget deficit was \$188 billion and though Mr. Reagan wanted future deficits to be reduced he was not prepared to act at the expense of national security.

The officials said, however, Mr. Reagan planned to call Tuesday night for standby taxes on domestically-produced energy.

## Andropov invites Perez de Cuellar to Moscow for talks on Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Soviet leader Yuri Andropov has invited U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar to visit Moscow in March for talks on the Afghanistan problem, United Nations sources said Tuesday.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar had accepted the proposal and would go to the Soviet Union after attending the New Delhi meeting of heads of state and government of the Non-Aligned Movement from March 7 to 11, the sources reported.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar, who was the U.N. special emissary on the Afghanistan question before he became U.N. Secretary General at the beginning of 1982, dispatched a representative to Kabul for talks with Afghan leaders this week.

The official U.N. Under Secretary General Diego Cordovez, visited Tehran last week and was due to go on to the Afghan capital after discussing the Afghanistan question with Pakistani leaders in Islamabad.

Both Iran and Pakistan have been involved in initiatives to try to bring about the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar said last week before Mr. Cordovez's arrival in Tehran, that he did not believe he would return empty-handed from this tour of the area, the first by the U.N. representative since last April.

The Secretary General was expected to be questioned about his expectations for an Afghan settlement during a news conference set for later Tuesday.

## New code of church law brings no big reforms

VATICAN CITY (R) — Pope John Paul Tuesday signed a new code of canon law which translates reforms of the second Vatican council into everyday rules for the world's millions of Roman Catholics.

Among other things the code upholds the ban on abortion and artificial birth control and gives women a place in church courts.

The 1,752-canon code translates reforms of the 1962-65 Vatican council into rules of life, but senior churchmen made clear at a

news conference that the code brings no sweeping changes in church doctrine and discipline.

Offences carrying automatic excommunication, the church's supreme penalty, have been reduced from 42 to six, including voluntary abortion, an attack on the Pope, and the unauthorised ordination of priests.

Catholics who become Freemasons or join anti-church organisations will no longer face automatic excommunication.

## Soviet delegate arrives in Geneva for talks on nuclear missiles

GENEVA (R) — The chief Soviet delegate to U.S.-Soviet talks aimed at curbing medium-range missiles in Europe warned the West Tuesday that time for agreement was running out.

Speaking on arrival here for resumption of the talks on Thursday, Yuri Kvitsinski told reporters the missile issue was becoming increasingly urgent.

The NATO alliance plans to begin deploying 572 cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in December as a counterweight to about 600 Soviet SS-20, SS-4 and SS-5 missiles if the talks here fail.

"The time is approaching when a choice will have to be made between an agreement on joint steps

to reduce the level of nuclear confrontation or a new round of the arms race," Mr. Kvitsinski said.

Mr. Kvitsinski, who arrived several hours before his U.S. counterpart Paul Nitze was due in Geneva, said Moscow's offer to reduce its arsenal aimed at Europe to 162 rockets provided an opportunity for an accord.

"The talks will show whether it will be seized," he said.

The official U.S. position is still the so-called "zero option," by which Washington would not deploy the new missiles in Europe if Moscow scrapped its medium-range rockets. The Soviet Union has publicly rejected this.

Mr. Kvitsinski declined to

answer questions on reports that he and Mr. Nitze had agreed informally on an interim solution last July under which Moscow would have reduced its SS-20 force in return for deployment of fewer NATO missiles. This idea was rejected by both Washington and Moscow.

"I have said everything," he added after reading his prepared statement.

The Soviet proposal, which would reduce Moscow's medium-range missile strength to the level of French and British nuclear forces, was "far-reaching, fair and constructive," he said.

"The USSR does not want military superiority, but neither

will it tolerate superiority over itself," he said. "If the other side is willing to come to an accord, that willingness should be demonstrated now in practical terms."

Nitze briefs NATO allies

BRUSSELS (R) — U.S. arms negotiator Paul Nitze conferred with West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher Tuesday on the state of negotiations with the Soviet Union to curb medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

Mr. Genscher, in Brussels for a European Community foreign ministers meeting, travels to Washington later Tuesday for

talks with President Reagan on nuclear arms, a major issue in West Germany's March 6 elections.

Mr. Nitze was briefing the ambassadors of the 16 NATO countries on U.S. tactics at Geneva arms control talks with Moscow which resume on Thursday.

He will meet Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens and Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans before flying to Geneva, diplomatic sources said.

The Belgian government has not yet made a final decision on whether or not to accept 48 U.S. cruise missiles that NATO plans to station on its territory.

## Mubarak receives Gemayel message

CAIRO (R) — Two senior Lebanese envoys Tuesday delivered a verbal message from President Amin Gemayel to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak asking for his help in achieving a pullout of Israeli troops from Lebanon. Egyptian officials said. The envoys, former U.N. Ambassador Ghassan Tuani and senior diplomat Nadim Dimchek held a one-hour meeting with President Mubarak immediately after their arrival in Cairo and on the eve of the Egyptian leader's departure for the U.S., they said. Mr. Tuani described the latest round of talks between Lebanon and Israel as critical and said: "We will pursue them... we are patient people."

## Hussein, Noor leave for Spain

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor left Amman for Spain on Tuesday for a one-day private visit during which King Hussein will meet with King Juan Carlos of Spain.

The King and the Queen will then leave for Belgium Wednesday for an official three-day visit during which King Hussein will have talks with King Baudouin of Belgium, the prime minister and high-ranking Belgian officials on the recent developments in the Middle East area and the Arab efforts to achieve just and comprehensive peace in the area.

Their Majesties were seen off by His Royal Highness Crown

Prince Hassan, several members of the Royal Household, the prime minister, the speaker of the National Consultative Council (NCC), the court minister, the chief chamberlain, the commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces, the ministers, high-ranking officials and the Spanish ambassador in Amman.

Crown Prince Hassan was sworn in as Regent during King Hussein's absence abroad.

Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi and the president of the National Planning Council (NPC) Hanna Odeh left in the company of the King. Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem will join the delegation there.

## Jordan gets \$8m agricultural loan

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development signed in Kuwait Tuesday an agreement according to which the fund will give an \$8 million loan to the Jordanian Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC) to enhance its ability to give loans to farmers for developing irrigation methods in the Jordan Valley area, particularly in the southern Dead Sea area.

ACC Director-General Sami Al Sunna' has said that the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) is currently constructing major irrigation networks in the southern Jordan Valley to develop some 46,000 dunums of land there. The role of the ACC is restricted to giving loans to farmers for constructing irrigation networks in

their farms, he said. Dr. Sunna' added that the loan is part of a bigger joint loan totaling \$20 million by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.

A similar agreement was signed with the IFAD early this month according to which the IFAD will give the ACC a loan of \$12 million for the same purpose. A six per cent interest will be paid on the loan from the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development and will be repaid over a period of 18 years.

The agreement was signed by the Jordanian ambassador in Kuwait and the director general of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.

## Failure to secure pullout will be 'very grave,' says Mubarak

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has said the situation in the Middle East would be "very grave" if the United States proved unable to get all foreign troops withdrawn from Lebanon.

According to an Arabic text of an interview he gave to the Christian Science Monitor, Mr. Mubarak said: "If the United States did not have the power to solve even this problem (in Lebanon) this would be... a black mark against the U.S."

"The United States has friends in the area other than Israel. If it does not solve the Lebanese problem then I think the situation will be very grave," The Egyptian president did not elaborate.

Lebanon, Israel and the U.S. are currently engaged in tortuous negotiations aimed at reaching an agreement over the withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon.

In the text, issued by the official Middle East News Agency (ME-NA), Mr. Mubarak also urged

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leaders to speed up consultations with the United States for future overall Middle East peace negotiations, saying time was running out.

Asked whether he thought the United States was putting enough pressure on Israel to halt its settlement activities in occupied Arab territories, Mr. Mubarak said: "I heard that if the Jordanians and the Palestinians agree on a joint delegation in (future) peace talks the United States will work for a halt in settlements' building."

"I hope this is true," he said. Mr. Mubarak said Egypt was unprepared to extend military facilities to U.S. troops unless an Arab or Islamic state signalled Washington for help. He reiterated that he would not allow foreign military bases on Egyptian soil.

"As long as there is no danger threatening any of these countries, there will be no military facilities," he added.

## W. German guerrilla suspect on trial

STUTTGART, West Germany (R) — A leftist urban guerrilla suspect went on trial in West Germany's top security Stammheim prison Tuesday charged with six "Baader-Meinhof group" murders.

The charges against Peter-Juergen Book, a 31-year-old casual labourer, include planning and taking part in the killing of banker Juergen Ponto and the kidnap and murder of employers' leader Hanns-Martin Schleyer, two of a series of attacks on establishments which rocked West Germany in 1977.

Defence lawyers concede that Mr. Book was connected with the "red army faction" — better known abroad as the Baader-Meinhof group — but say he renounced all ties with the group more than a year before his arrest in Hamburg in 1981.

The lawyers told a news conference Monday that Mr. Book was not however prepared to act as an informer against other members.

Court officials said the trial was expected to last more than a year. The prosecution plans to call 244 witnesses and 40 experts.

Student on trial

STUTTGART, West Germany (R) — A student on trial in connection with a 1981 attempt on the life of the U.S. army commander in Europe, Gen. Frederick Kroesen, said Monday she belonged to an unnamed protest group.

Helga Roos, 28, told a court in West Germany's top-security Stammheim prison she was a member of the "anti-imperialistic resistance," an organisation opposed to "American imperialism and its military arm, NATO."



## HOME NEWS

## CAEU urges enhanced agricultural coordination among Arab countries

AMMAN (Petra) — An Arab committee, responsible for drafting a new programme for agricultural coordination and integration in the Arab World, began its meetings Tuesday at the Council of Arab Economic Union (CAEU).

CAEU Secretary-General Fakhri Kaddouri opened the three-day meeting with a speech affirming that agricultural integration is one of the main principles of Arab economic cooperation. Consequently, there should always be extensive coordination between agricultural policies and development plans in all Arab countries, he said.

Reviewing the efforts of the CAEU in coordinating agricultural policies in the Arab world, Dr. Kaddouri said this coordination is a necessity, which can only be achieved through the establishment of joint Arab agricultural companies and associations.

Dr. Kaddouri also said that the CAEU is eager to coordinate with

any related Arab organisations and enterprises in order to achieve this objective. To this end it has invited organisations and experts to discuss the proposed programme and its requirements in order to take the first steps towards this goal. A meeting of specialised Arab and international organisations was held in September 1982 to discuss the preparatory study on the phases and formulas of Arab agricultural coordination and integration, he said.

Dr. Kaddouri pointed out that, in the last decade, Arab agricultural development "was characterised by a negative trend" since the total imports by Arab countries of agricultural products reached \$20 billion compared to \$2 billion in the decade before.

## Bahraini minister briefed on Al al Beit Foundation

AMMAN (Petra) — Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al al Beit Foundation) President Nasseruldin Al Assad received Tuesday Bahraini Justice and Islamic Affairs Minister Abdullah Ibn Khalid Al Khalifah, who is currently visiting Jordan.

Dr. Al Assad explained to Sheikh Abdullah the activities of the academy and the services it is offering in the field of Islamic civilisation. He also briefed him on the scientific programmes and projects which the royal academy is implementing.

## New diplomats to undergo specialised training course

AMMAN (Petra) — A training programme for newly-appointed diplomats from the Foreign Ministry will begin at the Arab Organisation for Administrative Sciences (AOAS) here Saturday. The aim of the programme, which is being organised by the Institute of Public Administration, is to develop the skills, knowledge and efficiency of the 27 participating diplomats.

The programme, expected to conclude on March 2, also includes topics related to the strategic, historic and cultural importance of Jordan. It will also focus on Jordan's development programmes, the organisation of its departments, regulations of the diplomatic corps and the Foreign Ministry and Jordan's foreign policy.

## Badran, N.Yemeni minister discuss bilateral relations

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran received at his office Tuesday North Yemeni Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Mohammad Hussein Jada'n. They discussed bilateral relations and ways of strengthening and developing cooperation between the two countries in provincial administration and housing affairs.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani and the North Yemeni ambassador in Amman.

## JCO committee to expand activities of consumer stores

AMMAN (Petra) — Director-General of the Jordanian Cooperative Organisation (JCO) Hassan Al Nabulsi presided over a meeting Tuesday of a committee in charge of JCO consumer stores.

Mr. Nabulsi said the meeting decided to operate a mobile vehicle for selling vegetables and other foodstuffs in certain centres of the capital and its outskirts.

The committee also decided to make inspection tours of JCO consumer stores in Ma'an, Tafleh, and Aqaba.

The board of directors of the JCO will hold a meeting Wednesday to discuss the organisation's budget for 1983. The board will study and decide on applications for loans submitted by a number of cooperative societies.

## Ambassador-designate praises bilateral relations

## Indian vice-president to visit Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — Indian Vice-President M. Hidayatulla is expected to pay an official visit to Jordan towards the end of February, the Indian ambassador-designate to Jordan said here Tuesday.

In a statement marking the occasion of the 33rd anniversary of the Republic Day of India, Wednesday, the ambassador-designate, Pyare Lal Santoshi, said that Mr. Hidayatulla's visit is in response to an invitation extended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

In the statement, Mr. Santoshi also praised the friendly relations between Jordan and India and expressed hope that the vice-president's visit will further strengthen the ties.

"The two countries are bound together by their strong historical ties and share a lot in common in terms of civilisation, culture and religious faith," Mr. Santoshi said.

The ambassador-designate also reiterated India's firm stand in support of Arab causes, in particular the Palestinian problem.



Mr. Pyare Lal Santoshi

"India has consistently supported the just causes of the Arabs, including the restoration of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people. Our support for the people of Palestine goes back to the days when we ourselves were fighting for the independence of our country. India would stand by its Arab friends in the years that lie ahead," Mr. Santoshi said.

## Mohammad inaugurates first mosque in Brazil

AMMAN (Petra) — His Highness Prince Mohammad, during a recent visit to Brazil, inaugurated a mosque in the capital, Rio de Janeiro.

The mosque, construction of which was financed by Arab expatriates in Brazil, has one of its halls named after His Majesty King Hussein.

The inauguration ceremony of the mosque, the first to be built in Brazil, was attended by heads of Arab and Islamic diplomatic missions in Rio de Janeiro as well as the Jordanian community there.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Regent cables good wishes to India

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Monday sent a cable to Indian President Zail Singh congratulating the president, the government and the people of India, on the occasion of the 33rd anniversary of the country's Republic Day. Prince Hassan wished the Indian people further progress and prosperity. Prince Hassan also sent a cable of congratulations to Australia's Governor-General Sir Ninian Stephen congratulating him on his country's national Day.

## All roads fit for traffic in Ma'an

AMMAN (Petra) — Officials at the Public Security Directorate said Tuesday that all roads in the Ma'an governorate are fit for traffic, including the Ma'an-Aqaba road. The officials added that all roads in Karak Governorate are also fit for traffic with the exception of Rashadiyah-Qadisiyah road.

## Ibrahim receives envoy's credentials

AMMAN (Petra) — Acting Foreign Minister Hassan Ibrahim received Monday copies of the credentials of the new non-resident ambassadors of Guinea, Thailand and Malaysia to Jordan.

## Seminar opens on industrial safety

AMMAN (Petra) — A seminar on incentives, industrial safety, personnel management, and career and vocational planning began at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Monday. Twenty-five participants, including 11 from Kuwait, are participating in the three-day seminar, which is being held in cooperation with the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research.

## Land office to close for six days

AMMAN (Petra) — Land and Survey Department Director Badri Al Mulqi said Monday the Amman real estate registration directorate will be closed from Wednesday. The offices, which will open next Tuesday, are being moved to new premises, he said.

## Management course to begin at Yarmouk

IRBID (Petra) — An intensive course in higher management for the heads of sections of the Ports Corporation in Aqaba will begin at Yarmouk University Jan. 29. The course is being organised by the Department of Higher Education at the university in cooperation with the Ports Corporation. Participants in the week-long course will receive lectures and training aimed at raising their managerial efficiency.

## Irbid municipalities complete buildings

IRBID (Petra) — Kafr Asad Municipality in Irbid Governorate has completed its new municipal building at a cost of JD 28,000. Qamini Municipality has also completed a new municipality building at a cost of JD 36,000. Samma Municipality is currently in the process of constructing its new municipal building at a cost of JD 27,000. It is expected that the building will be completed in the next three months.

## NRA reports copper potential

AMMAN (Petra) — The Natural Resources Authority (NRA) has collected 650 tonnes of raw copper for shipment from Aqaba port to an experimental station in Chile. The copper is to be used for conducting research into the potentials of the raw material, NRA Director-General Yusef Al Nimri said Tuesday.

The NRA has also contracted a British firm to conduct industrial research on samples of raw copper discovered in the Wadi Arabeh area to ascertain whether it is commercially worth extracting and processing. The firm is also preparing a detailed feasibility study for the construction of a copper processing plant, which would have an annual capacity of about 3,000 tonnes.

Studies indicate that there are reserves of raw copper in Wadi Arabeh estimated at around 60 million tonnes.



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## THE SEVENTH SUMMIT AND INDIA'S ROLE IN NON-ALIGNMENT

By C.V. Vaidyanathan, Special Correspondent, Press Trust of India.

The Non-Aligned Movement has never been confronted with the kind of complex problems and challenges as it is today.

In the complex international situation obtaining now the importance of the Non-Aligned Movement is perhaps even greater than ever before. The world is witnessing renewed great power confrontation, with the spirit of détente having faded. These trends are finding grave expression in West Asia, South Asia, South East Asia and parts of Africa. Some of them pose challenges within the movement.

The seventh summit of Non-Aligned Nations India is hosting next March will, therefore, be a test of the solidarity, unity and cohesion of the movement. India, as chairman of the movement for the next three years will have a crucial role to play in bringing about a consensus on critical international and regional issues that have defied solutions.

The unanimous request to India to host the conference after Iraq opted out as the venue is a measure of the trust reposed in India as a leading member of the movement. Despite the short time available to it, India has taken upon itself the responsibility of making a success of the summit. The summit, beginning on March 7, will see the largest gathering of heads of states and governments in India.

The concept of non-alignment developed essentially in response to the bi-lateral world of the late forties and fifties. Though it started as a movement with the holding of the first summit in 1961 at Belgrade, non-alignment was given a foreign policy orientation much earlier by India. The Panchsheel philosophy was enunciated and practised by the Buddha and Ashoka.

Indian decision to choose a non-aligned path was not merely a question of ideology or strategy but derived directly from the technique of non-violent struggle evolved during the National Movement for Independence. Rejection of both subjugation and violent revolution led to the search for a middle way. It was this technique which was applied later with some success in Korea and Indo-China. India's non-alignment is thus not merely the result of political conviction and economic necessity; it is also a matter of conditioning in which the non-violent civil disobedience played a decisive role. The first Asian Relations Conference held at India's initiative in 1947 gave expression to the common aspirations of newly liberated countries of Asia and Africa.

The policy of non-alignment and its loud and persistent advocacy by Jawaharlal Nehru gave a new dimension to the game of international politics. Non-alignment was not only a policy appropriate for promoting India's national interest but also for the defence of interest of a large number of other nations who now comprise two thirds of the members of the United Nations. It has provided a new and additional foreign policy choice for states and thereby made an enduring contribution to international system and conduct of international relations.

From a membership of 25 at the Belgrade Summit, the movement has now 97 nations.

The concept of non-alignment has gone through a process of continuous evolution over the years to meet changing situations and priorities both political and economic. In this adjustment lies the main success of its continuing relevance. Non-alignment is the anti-thesis of neutrality. It is not passivity, for the reason that independence of judgement has to lead to dynamic action.



## NEW TRENDS IN FASHIONS AND GARMENTS INDUSTRY

BY KRISHAN ANAND

Apparel as a commodity group has emerged as the second largest foreign exchange earner for India since 1978 as against the eleventh position it held in 1972. Despite this position of prominence, export efforts had largely remained as individual enterprises rather than a collective endeavour. The export of ready made garments, according to figures provided by the apex Garments Exporters Association (GEA), in the country increased from Rs. 159.7 million in 1971-72 to Rs. 6689.2 million in 1981-82, representing a more than 51 times increase during the 10-year period.

The year-wise position is shown in the following chart:

YEAR	GARMENTS (Rs. IN MILLIONS)
1971-72	139.7
1972-73	298.1
1973-74	636.5
1974-75	949.6
1975-76	1449.2
1976-77	2570.1
1977-78	2506.6
1978-79	3239.7
1979-80	3383.9
1980-81	4567.4
1981-82	6689.2

The garments export started on the basis of handloom fabrics of cotton material. The market for the Indian 'look' in ladies garments and to a lesser extent in men's outer wear started with the famous "Madras checks" and "chess cloth". While most people expected it to be a short-lived trend, it had grown and now is stable, though small segment of the garment trade. The market is still highly fashion-oriented with seasonal changes from prints to checks to solids.

The market for Indian garments is limited to cotton and that too mainly to the spring and summer seasons. The export target for 1982-83 was fixed at Rs. 7500 million by the government-appointed Apparels Export Promotion Council. During January-July 1982 the garments export amounted to Rs. 4147.7 million as compared to Rs. 4031.3 million during the corresponding period last year, representing an increase of 2.35 per cent, whereas terms of quantity there was a decrease of 1.47 per cent.

Export of non-quota items during this period reached to Rs. 1631.1 million as against Rs. 147.91 crores during the corresponding period in 1981. This represented an increase of 10.28 per cent, but in quantitative terms it decreased by 5.46 per cent. The utilisation of quota has fallen marginally from 46.11 per cent annual level during January-July '81 to 44.20 per cent in January-July '82. There was a slight fall in the exports of quota items to the USA and EEC countries. But in case of other quota countries, the fall has been significant.

The fall in exports to the USA AND EEC countries is mainly attributed to the fall in demand owing to recessionary pressures, change in fashions from handloom variety to mill-made and synthetics and the sluggish exports of ladies undergarments and ladies dresses.

Most garment exports from India have been light garments for summer wear. The main items have been shirts, dresses, blouses, skirts and childrenwear. Another major characteristic of the Indian garments export is its concentration on casual wear as opposed to basic or standard wear.

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# Mother Teresa's life story moves to screen

By Jeremy Clift  
Reporter

NEW DELHI — Mother Teresa, the 72-year-old Roman Catholic nun who was given the Nobel Peace Prize for her work in the slums of Calcutta, could be the next famous figure from India to be brought to the screen following the epic on Mahatma Gandhi.

Best-selling French author Dominique Lapierre is planning to tell the life story of the nun, born of Albanian parents, who came to India more than 50 years ago and is now regarded by many as a living saint.

Lapierre, 51, says he has succeeded where several others have failed in persuading Mother Teresa to allow the film to be made and is now looking for an American film company to back it.

The co-author with Larry Collins of the best-selling book on Indian independence "Freedom at Midnight" said in an interview here that he had spent the last two years researching the film and was now writing the script.

"We want to show the world the compassion of this frail woman who looks like an old apple and has the love of a saint," said Lapierre, who plans to write, pro-

duce and direct the movie.

Lapierre said he would be in New York this month for talks with film companies on the planned \$12-million production.

He already has links with Paramount, which produced the film version of his "Is Paris Burning?", and with Titus Productions, which is now making a television version of the Collins-Lapierre book on the birth of Israel "O Jerusalem".

"We hope to get someone of international stature like Jane Fonda or Meryl Streep to play the part of Mother Teresa," he said in an interview in a Delhi hotel.

Mother Teresa came to India in

1929 and has dedicated her life to the sick and hungry. She opened her first Calcutta slum school in 1948 after getting special permission from the Vatican to live outside the cloister.

The first to join her was Subhasini Das, 19-year-old Bengali girl who had been her student while she was in a convent.

Sister Agnes, as she is now known, recalls that Mother Teresa used to walk from slum to slum every day carrying something, "a little bread, some medicine, things like that."

"And she would always go to St. Teresa's to pray and eat the little

food she had left, if any. She probably gave it all away."

Mother Teresa's "Catholic missions of charity" soon spread throughout India, which is predominantly Hindu and Muslim. It now has homes on all five continents. Mother Teresa travels the world to visit them.

The Nobel Prize given to her in 1979 brought her international fame, but Lapierre says there are many others who are working for the poor away from the public spotlight.

"I know at least 20 Mother Teresas in Calcutta who are anonymous but doing the same

kind of work among the destitute," he said.

"But she is the symbol and the inspiration. She is the flag ship."

His film, he explained, "will be a humble effort to portray a saint with the hope that her example will inspire many and serve the cause of the poorest of the poor".

As much as anything, the film will also be about Calcutta, one of the world's most overcrowded and rundown cities which Lapierre says brings out the meaning of existence because of the daily struggle for life.

The planned film is one of sev-

eral about India on the heels of Sir Richard Attenborough's acclaimed life of Gandhi, known as the Father of modern India and a pacifist.

Others include a production of "Far Pavilions", drawn from the novel by M.M. Kaye on the British Raj, and a version of E.M. Forster's masterpiece "A Passage to India" to be directed by David Lean.

Despite her international standing and frail figure, Mother Teresa has not escaped controversy.

She is a hardline of abortion and has condemned it as murder. She

advocates natural family planning even for India, struggling to check the growth of its population which now totals 680 million, about a third of it living below the poverty line.

But her missionaries of charity, dressed in a white cotton sari edged in blue, are regarded as symbols of hope on the dusty, crowded streets of Calcutta.

"These girls go out in pairs every morning across the town and they are like little white dinghies in a sea of humanity," Lapierre says. "It's that which we want to capture for the screen."

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## Israel without America?

INDEED, the situation in the Middle East would be grave if the United States proved unable to get Israeli troops withdrawn from Lebanon as soon as possible. The warning, coming as it is from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak who is one of Washington's best friends in the area, is not meaningless, nor should it be taken lightly — definitely not by the American, if they ever wish to continue their role as the leading superpower in this part of the world. A black mark against the U.S. it would indeed be if America did not have the power to convince its client state Israel of leaving Lebanon to the Lebanese and of seeking peace rather than continued bloodshed and stability instead of conflicts and destruction.

Easier said than done? Perhaps. Now, what? If Israel thinks it could live without America in the Middle East, so should we Arabs; after all, we know the geography of the Middle East better, and the oil wells are

in that part of the homeland which we have kept. As for the United States, the problem is really President Reagan's and Secretary of State Shultz's. If they want to stay the distance for American interests, whether for geopolitical reasons or in the name of freedom and democracy, there is only one way to do it: Israel can be no bigger than its normal size; and if Israelis do not know or accept this fact, sooner than later they will have to.

It is hardly our business how Americans go about taming the Israeli monster, if they are truly interested. But it cannot be true anymore that Arabs do not want peace, because we do, and the Reagan administration knows it.

Today, the ball is in the U.S. court. The Americans can either choose to be determined enough to make the Israelis listen to logic and heed the voice of reason or risk their own interests and the cause of peace at the hands of the Likud extremists.

## SCIENCE & INDUSTRY By Dr. Awn Rifai

### Role of the private sector in industrialisation

The private sector in Jordan comprises the trade and industry businesses, the professional associations (doctors, engineers, pharmacists, contractors, labourers, agriculture and transportation workers, utility businessmen), the cooperative organisation, the banks, the insurance companies, the tourism firms, and the welfare societies.

From the private sector businesses, small-scale technological and industrial strategies have emanated and these have been shaped by competition in the marketplace. Experience has demonstrated that industry thrives in an open society with decentralised control, offering competitive opportunity for independent approaches to industrial enterprises.

The private sector has many roles to play. It should serve the interests of its constituent members, it should organise and keep up relationships with the public sector. Another role is to participate actively in the industrialisation programmes of a country. It is this latter task that ought to be developed and intensively

stressed. The private sector can submit concrete proposals and studies for the establishment of industries in view of the country's development plans and needs. The chambers of trade and industry and the professional associations could participate in presenting the proposals.

Current activities should not distract the attention away from planning for the future. The encouragement of investment in priority-classified industries by the private sector will have a profound effect in complementing the efforts of the public sector towards increasing production, augmenting exports, and attracting external investment. The collaboration between the private and the public sector should proceed from the initiation of projects to the actual governing of the affairs of industry in the production stage.

There is plenty of room for the managerial and technical staff in the private sector organisations to participate in the design and construction of factories. This includes the questions of manpower, machines, and material resources, the planning of

operations, research and development, the laying down of rules and regulations as well as the establishment of technical standards. The private sector should take part in the decision-making process regarding the production of raw and intermediate materials in the country, in order to achieve compatibility with the so-called final industries. Seminars and workshops will prove to be of great value in upgrading the management of factories, raising the productivity, and developing the skill and training of the labour.

The management of the industries should be given a free hand to exploit the country's capabilities as concerns marketing, trade, and industrial services. We need objective scientific research in order to identify the problems and cures of the industrial establishments, down to the minute details. Study and implementation projects are to be carried out jointly between organisations from the private sector and the management of the factories on topics of technical know-how, licensing, capital management, and marketing.

## Trade disputes left until later

### Nakasone proves military asset for Reagan

By Ikuro Anai  
Reuter

WASHINGTON — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone has assured President Reagan he can count on him to promote Japan's military role in Asia but crucial trade disputes must be left until later. Like virtually every post-war Japanese leader, Mr. Nakasone came to Washington as soon after taking office as possible to pledge close cooperation with Japan's most important ally and trading partner.

In office only two months, Mr. Nakasone used his three-day visit to enhance his reputation as a hard-liner on defence, impressing Mr. Reagan as a valued asset in Washington's global effort to meet the Soviet military build-up. After two private White House meetings, the two men told reporters they had established a new rapport that could lead to bigger things than the results of the three-day visit.

Mr. Nakasone, who often spoke in English and whose visit was given wide coverage in major U.S. newspapers and on television, admitted that the "show" of criticism about Japanese trade practices from Reagan administration officials turned stormy when he met less diplomatic members of Congress.

In public at least, the Japanese leader gave Mr. Reagan little he could use to resist growing pressure in Congress to erect new barriers to Japanese imports which have been blamed for swelling the number of jobless Americans.

On the eve of Mr. Nakasone's arrival, top officials from the U.S. car industry and auto union officials urged the president to seek greater restraints on Japanese car imports, which have captured more than 20 per cent of the depressed U.S. market. But no new proposals emerged.

Mr. Nakasone, citing domestic political pressures, also refused to yield to long-standing U.S. demands to give Japanese consumers a chance to buy more American beef and citrus fruit.

While concessions would not account for a substantial part of the \$20 billion surplus Japan had in trade with the U.S. last year, these two items are regarded in trade circles as prime examples of Japan's one-sided approach to trade.

In his defence, Mr. Nakasone told reporters that Japan had cut tariffs on 323 import items and was studying ways of easing testing and other procedures for importing foreign goods.

#### Bellicose tone

But it was in a Washington Post interview published during the visit that Mr. Nakasone stirred the greatest controversy. The paper quoted him as saying through an interpreter that he wanted Japan to be "an unsinkable aircraft carrier" that could easily defend against the Soviet military build-

up in northern Asia, including the several dozen backfire bombers Japan's defence agency says Moscow has deployed in the area.

Though Mr. Nakasone later denied to Japanese reporters that he had made such a reference — the newspaper has a tape recording of the interview — the bellicose tone of his reported remarks drew a sharply-worded warning from Moscow.

The U.S. has long pressed Japan to spend more on defence — it now devotes only 0.98 per cent of its gross national product to defence while the U.S. level is nearly six per cent — so that the Japan-based ships of the U.S. Pacific fleet can expand their operations into the Indian Ocean.

In a statement issued after their talks, Mr. Reagan praised Mr. Nakasone and said Japan "is now willing to do more to share in the burden of peace and stability."

But the Soviet news agency TASS quickly warned that Mr.



NAKASONE

Nakasone's "aircraft carrier" strategy of defending vital sea lanes in the Pacific area would "make Japan a likely target for a retaliatory strike," which could be a bigger disaster than took place 37 years ago.

This reference raised the spectre of the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. The State Department denounced the TASS statement as an attempt to intimidate Japan.

Mr. Nakasone, a 64-year-old former defence minister with decidedly hard-line views on Japan's military role, is likely to fly into a political storm after he arrives home. Opposition parties are sure to attack him for his usually outspoken comments on defence, a highly-charged issue in Japan which adheres to a no-war constitution imposed on it at the end of World War II.

While Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger pressed him to spend even more on defence, Mr. Nakasone is already subject to severe criticism at home for reducing social welfare and education spending while boosting the arms budget.



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## JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

### Al Ra'i: Damascus statement bitter blow to Arab World

The joint Syrian-Libyan-Iranian statement, issued in Damascus Sunday is indeed a strange statement. One's first reaction is to treat it as a conspiracy against Iraq, an attempt at interference in its internal affairs, and an encouragement of aggression against it. It is also a violation of the joint Arab defence treaty and the basis upon which inter-Arab relations should be conducted.

After all the wrongs committed by the Iranian regime, Arab citizens cannot but be stunned to see two Arab countries involved in gangling upon a third Arab country, and calling for warfare against it. Indeed this is even more surprising as it comes at a time when circumstances in general call for Arab solidarity, and the closing of ranks if the Arab Nation is to cope with the dangers threatening it.

Iraq has done nothing beyond defending its own territories, rights and Arab identity and it did not

hesitate in accepting mediation to find a just and honourable peace with the Iranian regime. Even so, though Iran has continued its aggression against Iraq and insisted that no mediation should be allowed.

This joint statement is the bitterest blow which the Arab World could receive in the aftermath of the Lebanon war. This means that there exists Arab people openly fermenting division in the Arab ranks, which inevitably can only endanger the safety of the Gulf, and open the way for foreign forces to play a subversive role in the whole area.

It is time for the Arabs to act decisively and affirm their commitment to Iraq, and thereby tell, in uncertain terms, those Arabs who are supporting the Iranian aggressor that the Arab Nation condemns such action. Furthermore that collusion against Iraq is synonymous with plotting against the Arab Nation and people everywhere.

### Al Dustour: Syria and Libya undermine Arab solidarity

At this critical time in the history of the Arab Nation, a new plot engineered by Syria and Libya in collaboration with Iran has been revealed.

This threatening plot has been exposed by the Syrian-Libyan-Iranian joint statement issued in Damascus, and effectively contradicts the claims these countries have made purporting to support and defend the Palestinian cause.

The Syrian and Libyan rulers have allowed themselves to plot overtly with the Iranian enemy under the pretext of steadfastness and confrontation. However, the ordinary Arab citizen might be forgiven for asking steadfastness in the face of whom, and confrontation against whom? The Lebanon war has exposed the falsehood and superficiality of

the claims made by the Syrian and Libyan rulers. The Syrian rulers, who failed lamentably to help the Palestinians when they were attacked by the Israeli forces in Lebanon, should not talk about steadfastness for their lies no longer have credibility.

The Libyan regime too, which advised the Palestinians during their most difficult moments in Beirut to "commit suicide", should stop voicing these hollow slogans which have become so distasteful to all actually involved.

Syria and Libya have gone out positively to undermine any chance of Arab solidarity, and turned down all attempts to forge real Arab unity. This can only mean that their support for Iran is further evidence of their plot, not only against Iraq but also against the Arab Nation as a whole.

## Heseltine and the peace movement

By Leslie Dowd  
Reuter

LONDON — Michael Heseltine, a charismatic politician with a record of success in business and government, has taken over as British defence secretary with a special brief to deflate the nation's growing anti-nuclear peace movement.

The peace movement now claims over a quarter of a million active supporters and plans to make nuclear arms a major issue in a general election expected this year or early in 1984.

After seeing the big impact of anti-nuclear protests in West Germany, British peace campaigners have laid down a programme of rallies, lobbying and heightened political action for 1983.

Activists believe 1983 will be the year the European groundswell against nuclear weapons hits British politics hard.

They plan in particular to challenge the proposed stationing of 160 American Cruise missiles here to help counter Soviet missiles targeted on Western Europe.

This and a general call for Britain to "go it alone" in scrapping its submarine-launched Polaris strategic nuclear missile force will form the basis of campaigning.

To counter this, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has ordered a sharp government effort to secure support for her belief that Britain should remain strong while working for general disarmament.

Last Thursday she appointed Mr. Heseltine, a millionaire and potential future prime minister, as defence secretary in succession to John Nott, who is giving up active politics.

Mr. Heseltine has been given the task of heading the government's counter-offensive against the peace movement, political sources say.

Mrs. Thatcher is known to be angry about the campaign for nuclear disarmament (CND), the main peace group. "If the proposals of CND were followed the whole peace, security, freedom and justice of the country would

be at risk and war would be made more likely," she has told Parliament.

Many Conservatives believe the peace movement is playing into the hands of the Soviet Union and point to the lessons of the 1930s. One party official said: "We want to go on the offensive. The unilateral disarmers have got away to some extent with the idea that they are the only ones for peace."

Mr. Heseltine, a successful former environment secretary, is only 49 and noted for his gifts of persuasion.

A self-made magazine publisher, he is a high-profile politi-

cian sometimes called "Tarzan" because of his lanky frame, long hair and blond good looks.

However, in the anti-nuclear movement Mr. Heseltine is taking on a self-confident and combative opponent.

CND has issued a prompt challenge to him to debate the issue before television cameras in London's vast Albert Hall. He has not yet replied.

"He is a man with a reputation for debate and being close to the grassroots," said CND chairperson Joan Ruddock. "I think he will have to take up this challenge from the grassroots of the peace

movement."

The peace challenge may come to a head later this year as the deadline approaches for installing the first 96 Cruise missiles at Greenham Common airbase west of London.

The veteran campaign for nuclear disarmament plans to mobilise 100,000 supporters to canvass the views of every household in Britain and press all election candidates to declare where they stand.

"We are concerned to make sure disarmament, Cruise missiles and U.S. bases in Britain become major election issues," said CND general secretary, Catholic priest Monsignor Bruce Kent.

Britain's unilateralists argue that possession of nuclear weapons is immoral and the world is heading for a catastrophe.

Monsignor Kent rebuts Mrs. Thatcher's anxieties about defence against the Soviets by saying Britain is uniquely placed to give a lead in reversing the arms race by scrapping nuclear weapons.

The veteran CND, founded by the late philosopher Bertrand Russell in 1958, now claims 50,000 national paid-up members compared with only 3,000 in 1980. It operates from an old house in London's run-down Finsbury Park district.

It plans to call for token work stoppages on August 6, the anniversary of the dropping of the atom bomb on Hiroshima, and a tax rebellion is possible, with activists withholding that part of their tax supposed to go on nuclear weapons.

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The movement made political gains in 1982, notably when the opposition Labour Party pledged to scrap nuclear weapons and dozens of Labour-controlled cities refused to co-operate with government civil defence measures.

The Labour-controlled Greater London Council, the capital's local authority, declared London a nuclear-free zone in June last year, and well over 100,000 people turned out for an anti-nuclear rally in Hyde Park.

Michael Foot, Labour's leader in the House of Commons, is a longtime advocate of unilateral nuclear disarmament.

The leader of the peace activists say that most Britons are opposed to Cruise missiles and quote an opinion poll indicating that 58 per cent of Britons do not want Cruise, including more than one in three Conservative voters.

Women have recently been taking the lead in protesting. On New Year's Day, women campaigners scaled a perimeter fence at Greenham Common airbase west of London and draped banners on a silo being constructed to take the first Cruise missiles.

The Greenham Common peace campaign, which has strong women's liberationist overtones, has succeeded in catching the public's imagination. For 16 months never fewer than 25 women have camped under muddy plastic sheets near the base and last month 30,000 women linked hands to make a human chain round its (14 kilometre) perimeter fence.

## LETTERS

### Who can then afford a phone?

[To the Editor:

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At present, many governments' claim to increasingly support 'self-help' is no more than an attempt to legitimise their lack of action. It would be a notable triumph for 'environmentalists' and yet another example of the unity between sound environmental practice and sound development if the conditions the poor live in -- whether in large cities, towns or rural areas -- was recognised as the environmental priority of the 1980s and 1990s, and we as an international community acted accordingly.

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But much more needed to be done, the agency said. Were it not for those measures already taken by governments, employers and labour, things that were already bad enough would be infinitely worse, the report added.

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## SPORTS

## WCT to reduce men's circuit

NEW YORK (R) — World Championship Tennis (WCT) announced Tuesday it was drastically reducing its men's professional tennis circuit pending the outcome of a legal battle with the world tennis establishment.

Lamar Hunt, the founder and director of the Dallas-based WCT, told a press conference only nine events would be played this year and three in 1984—the World Doubles Championships in London, the WCT finals in Dallas and the Tournament of Champions at Forest Hills in New York.

Hunt said he was confident the WCT would win its court case and be able to restore a full-fledged circuit, perhaps by 1985.

"If judicial relief is obtained, and we have every confidence that will be the case, it is our intention to re-establish an alternate professional circuit built around the events in London, Dallas and New York," Hunt said.

"But that will have to await the day when free and unrestrained competitive conditions are restored to the world of tournament tennis."

WCT, who originated the pro tennis circuit 15 years ago, filed a suit in federal court here last Friday alleging that the Men's International Professional Tennis Council, the International Tennis Federation and the Association of Tennis Professionals had conspired to monopolize the men's pro tennis circuit.

Named as co-conspirators, but not defendants, are the National

Tennis Associations of the United States, Britain, France and Australia, holders of the four "Grand Slam" events.

The Men's Pro Council is a nine-member body composed of three each from the ITF and the ATP along with three Grand Prix tournament directors. The ATP, whose membership includes most touring pros, is in effect the Players' Union.

Hunt, who also owns American Gridiron Football and soccer teams, has been at odds with the organizers of the Grand Prix circuit for years. However, a truce of sorts was reached five years ago, and from 1978 through 1981 eight WCT tournaments were included in the Grand Prix circuit each year.

Last year WCT broke from the Grand Prix and staged 22 tournaments offering \$7.9 million in prize money. Players competing on the circuit included Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, who won 10 WCT events, Argentine Guillermo Vilas, Indian Vijay Amritraj and Americans Bill Scanlon and Brian Teacher.

Many others were dissuaded from joining the circuit because the ATP computer rankings, which determine seedings in most major tournaments, do not take into account performances in WCT events. Lendl, for example, was prevented from achieving the world number one ranking, which many felt he deserved, because his 10 WCT victories did not count in the ATP rankings.

Hunt said the ATP's failure to include WCT tournaments in its rankings "denied computer points to players and coerced many players to play in Grand Prix events."

"The actions taken by the Men's Pro Council have made it impossible for WCT to organize and conduct a meaningful alternate men's pro circuit," Hunt said. "Various council rules and actions of those, on or working with the council, have intentionally forestalled competition and deprived WCT, the players and the tennis public of the opportunity to share further in the growth of the sport."

"One of the ironies of this situation is that most players who belong to the ATP don't support the ATP's position within the council relating to WCT," Hunt said. "And our legal action is actually on behalf of many players who disagree with the council's position."

As a result of the WCT cutback, only \$3.5 million will be offered in prize money instead of the eight million dollars originally projected, Hunt said.

The remaining eight events on the shortened WCT schedule this year will include the eight-man winter finals in Detroit this weekend, the 12-man WCT finals in Dallas in May, along with tournaments in Richmond, Virginia, Delray Beach, Florida, Munich, Houston, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina and the Tournament of Champions at Forest Hills in May.

## Rohrl takes over lead in Monte Carlo race

MONTE CARLO (R) — World Champion Walter Rohrl of West Germany, driving a Lancia, grabbed the lead on the second stage of the Monte Carlo Rally Tuesday, the organizers said.

Rohrl, who won last year's event, won four of the first five of Tuesday's timed sections, the fifth one going to teammate Jean-Claude Andruet of France, who held second place one minute 29 seconds behind.

The Lancia's domination was strengthened by Markku Alen of Finland, who was fourth two minutes 22 seconds behind Rohrl. The top 200 cars left Monaco overnight for a 1,581-km (988-mile) mountain drive with 15 speed stages totalling 403 kms (215 miles).

Overnight leader Stig Blomqvist of Sweden, lost over three minutes to Rohrl on the dry roads which meant he was unable to take advantage of grip of his four-wheel drive Audi Quattro.

Michele Mouton of France became the second leading contender to retire when her Audi skidded off the road. Mouton and her Italian co-driver Fabrizia Pons were not injured but the car was a write-off.

The turbo-charged Renault 5s of Frenchmen Bruno Saby and 1981 winner Jean Ragnotti were still having road holding problems and were over six minutes behind the leader.

The 4,000-km opening event of the World Championship season ends here on Friday.

## Amarnath's bold batting diminishes Pakistani hopes

LAHORE, Pakistan (R) — Mohinder Amarnath, the most consistent of India's batsmen, scored his fourth test hundred here Tuesday to dim Pakistan's hopes of another crushing victory over the touring team.

Amarnath made 120 as India reached 235 for three in reply to Pakistan's first innings total of 323 on the third day of the fifth test. Bad light slowed 138 minutes from the day's play.

After the first test of the six-match series was drawn, Pakistan won the second by an innings and 86 runs, the third by 10 wickets and the fourth by an innings and 119 runs. But it now seems unlikely they can continue this run of success here.

Only seven balls were bowled before lunch because of bad light and play ended 50 minutes early when the visibility again deteriorated.

"I don't want it to turn into a kicking match. Last week they were aggressive, but I cannot remember a single vicious foul. They had too much skill to need to resort to that. However, their history shows that they are often a different side away from home."

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Despite the gloom, Amarnath played with great assurance to complete his second hundred of the series. He batted a total of 282 minutes, struck 15 fours and his 190-run third wicket stand with Yashpal Sharma was an Indian record against Pakistan, beating the 130 put on by Fankaj Roy and Vijay Manjrekar in 1954-55.

Amarnath's innings ended at 231 when he edged Imran Khan, bowling with the second new ball, to wicketkeeper Wasim Bari.

Sharma, playing his first test of the series, gave Amarnath solid assistance. He was 63 not out at the close after 282 minutes at the crease.

Imran was the best of the Pakistan bowlers with two for 45. Leg-spinner Abdul Qadir was the other wicket-taker with one for 63.

The match resumes on Thursday after a rest day Wednesday.

## South African selection beats rebels

CAPE TOWN (R) A South African XI won their four-day match against the rebel West Indian cricketers by five wickets here Tuesday but they were made to struggle all the way.

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at the wicket from the first ball Pollock faced.

Both played and missed frequently, especially when off spinner Derek Parry came on. Pollock edged two just out of reach of the slips, but Parry had his reward when he bowled Kirsten for 13.

Clive Rice, coming in next, tried to hit the bowlers off their length but win only six runs to his name played across one from Clarke and was lbw.

Parry extracted a good deal of turn from the pitch and had all the batsmen in trouble. But Kevin McKenzie failed to spot the one that remained straight and was plumb lbw for nought.

That, however, was the end of the West Indians hopes and Pollock and Alan Kourie safely steered South Africa to victory with eight of the final 20 overs remaining.

## 'Game, set, match to Borg'

LONDON (R) — "Game, set and match to Borg..." the words belong to tennis history.

At 26, the most successful player of the modern era has grown weary of competitive tennis and wisely decided to retire.

The sport earned Borg a fortune, estimated by some at around one hundred million dollars. It cost him his youth.

He has been at the top since the age of 15 when he made his Davis Cup debut for Sweden and beat the fine New Zealander Onny Parun. Borg has never been out of the public eye since.

In 1974 he won his first major championship when he came back from two sets down to defeat Spaniard Manuel Orantes in the final of the French Open. He was to enjoy five further triumphs at Roland Garros, five successive Wimbledon victories from 1976 to 1980 and two Grand Prix Masters titles.

Having guaranteed himself a place in the tennis Hall of Fame, Borg went into semi-retirement last year and obviously found the way of life to his liking.

More importantly, he probably came to realise he would never regain the mantle of the world's number one following that 12 months rest from the sport.

Borg could certainly have made it back into the elite top 10 but without the motivation and dedication of old he would almost certainly have lived in the shadow of Ivan Lendl and John McEnroe in the years ahead.

That would have been sad for, at his peak, Borg was an awesome sight on court.

Future generations will undoubtedly wonder just what made the Swede so special.

His serve was merely competent, his volley no more than adequate, he lacked the imagination of Ilie Nastase, the touch of McEnroe. Perhaps if he had enjoyed playing doubles Borg would have added subtlety to his armoury.

But as it was, his bludgeoning double-fisted backhand, ice cool nerves in a crisis and steady determination were more than enough.

Although he will be best remembered for his five-year reign at Wimbledon, Borg's greatest achievements were at Roland Garros.

He was all but unbeatable on the slow clay courts of Paris and even in the sweltering summer heat he never lost his "ice-man" image.

Hungarian Balazs Taroczy, one of the finest exponents of clay court tennis, once said: "When you play Bjorn on this surface victory is out of the question. You don't even think about how many games you might win. Each point is worth celebrating."

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Taroczy went on: "Borg physically destroys you. That heavy top spin means you're returning every shot at chest, not waist, height. At the end of three sets you can hardly lift your arm."

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## Daunting task ahead for England in triangular cricket competition

SYDNEY (R) — England, who have played second fiddle to Australia in both the recent test series and the World Series Cricket Cup, must turn the tables when the two teams meet in the one-day triangular competition Wednesday.

England have won only two of their six matches and skipper Bob Willis says they must now win their four remaining qualifying games — two against Australia and two against New Zealand — to be sure of making the three-match finals.

It is a daunting task considering the touring team's erratic form, and the fact that they have already lost to the Australians three times in the competition. Australia need two wins from their final four preliminary matches to be certain of a place in the finals.

That task for the touring team should be made a little easier if pace bowler Geoff Lawson, who missed Australia's victory over England in Melbourne on Sunday because of a groin injury, fails a fitness test Wednesday morning.

After a brief workout Tuesday Lawson said: "I'll be fit by tomorrow." But his skipper Kim Hughes was not so optimistic. "Lawson is still in doubt and I don't want to risk him unnecessarily," he said.

Jeff Thomson is also doubtful because of a throat infection and the Australian selectors have named seven pace bowlers in their squad of 14.

England are not expected to name their side until the morning but in view of the mauling they fast and medium pace bowlers received in Melbourne, off spinner Vic Marks is expected to be brought back in place of Norman Cowans or Derek Pringle.

Off spinner Eddie Hemmings would have been the logical replacement but he is still being troubled by the wrist he injured in the fifth test and is not expected to take any further part in the Australian section of the tour.

England may continue to use all

rounder Ian Botham as an opening batsman in a bid to unsettle the Australian attack. He set the tone of the England innings in Melbourne on Sunday by bludgeoning 19 runs in half an hour.

Hughes took a leaf out of Willis' book later in the match by promoting Allan Border to open the innings and he set up Australia's victory with a half century in only 17 overs.

"If we have to chase a big score again then a batting order change is on the cards," Hughes said Tuesday.

Another huge crowd is expected to watch the day-night match. A record crowd of 84,153 for a limited overs game saw Sunday's clash in Melbourne.

The next match in the competition is between England and New Zealand, who have won three of their six matches, in Adelaide on Saturday.

## Soviet boxers get off to flying start in President's Cup meeting

JAKARTA (R) — Soviet boxers got off to a flying start in the President's Cup international amateur tournament here Monday, winning three of their four bouts.

The Soviet Union are hotly tipped to dominate the middle to heavyweight classes, but they shone in the lighter divisions before a crowd of 4,000.

Results: Flyweight: Brahimi Brahimi (Algeria) beat Kouichi Koba (Japan) points. Aleksander Yuri (Soviet Union) beat Yong Song Kim (South Korea) points. Rusli Usman (Indonesia) beat Faik Azeb (Egypt) points.

Bantamweight: Silas Hitahubessy (Indonesia) beat Dong Sic Hong (South Korea) points. Hirsch Kantou (Japan) beat Bambang Sugiono (Indonesia) points. Shulepko Vichesia (Soviet Union) beat Martin Tagu (Indonesia) points.

Featherweight: Mahmud Marshal (Egypt) beat Tomomabu Kadono (Japan) points. Alexander Wass (Indonesia) beat Kodyevnikov Sergei (Soviet Union) points. John Kapisa (Indonesia) beat Chung Gil Lee (South Korea) - points. Charles Thomas (Indonesia) beat Abdul Akram (USA) - points.

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## U.N. calls for emergency plan

GENEVA (R) — The United Nations Tuesday called for an emergency plan to help developing countries boost their commodity export earnings by some \$20 billion over three years.

According to the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), losses in export earnings by developing countries amounted to some \$21 billion over 1980/1982, mainly as a result of a sharp fall in commodity prices over the last two years.

The proposed plan, to be discussed at an UNCTAD meeting in Belgrade from June 6 to 30, calls for "immediate and effective action to halt, and then reverse, the downward trend in commodity prices."

The plan calls on producers and consumers to negotiate a series of short-term commodity agreements, confined to price support measures, to maintain prices above the distress levels to which they have fallen in 1981/1982.

The scheme, proposed by UNCTAD in a report, mainly covers measures to protect commodity prices from imbalance between supply and demand, by building up stocks or releasing supplies.

A major source of financing would be UNCTAD's common fund which, the report says, could "take the lead in mobilising finance, through the existing international financial agencies and from the commercial market, for specific supply management schemes."

The fund, set up to finance buffer stocks to stabilise world prices for raw materials, is far from being ratified by all countries needed.

The UNCTAD report said the need for full ratification of the fund has become urgent, in order to free the financial resources committed to it.

## Experts recommend two steel giants in West Germany

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (R) — An independent panel of experts recommended Tuesday that West Germany's stricken steel industry should be drastically reorganised into two giant units.

Their proposal would merge the steel interests of the huge Thyssen and Krupp firms into one group. The other would comprise the Hoesch, Klockner and Salzgitter concerns.

The panel said such a move would improve the industry's profits by two to three billion marks (\$800 million to \$1.2 billion) a year, even without an increase in output.

It would also cut production costs by 50 to 100 marks (\$20 to 40 per ton), they said.

The report made no mention of the impact the mergers would have on jobs within the industry, which shed 12,000 workers last year.

In anticipation of its findings, dealings in the shares of the country's six largest steel companies were suspended for the day by the Frankfurt stock exchange.

The three-man panel was appointed last November after talks between the government and industry leaders over how to rescue the nation's crumbling steel sector.

West German crude steel output fell 13 per cent last year to 36 million tonnes and in the third quarter was operating at only 40 per cent of capacity.

Although the world economic crisis has hit the steel industry in general, West German industrialists and unions have complained bitterly over what they see as unfair competition from heavily subsidised state-run companies in other European Community countries.

One of the experts, Mr. Guenther Vogelsang of the Veba Oil Company, told a news conference the steel companies should decide within a few weeks whether they could accept the recommendations.

Thyssen is already considering separating its steel interests from its overall business and has announced that it is discussing the possibility of merging them with Krupp.

The report will be considered later Tuesday by West German Economic Minister Count Otto Lambsdorff and Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg, as well as by the metalworkers' union, Mr. Vogelsang said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### EEC to be grain runner-up

WASHINGTON (R) — The European Community would become the world's second largest grain exporter by 1985 if it continued its present farm trade policies, according to an American report released Monday. The study by the International Food Policy Research Institute, a private research group, came amid efforts to avert an agricultural trade war between the U.S. and the 10-nation Community.

### W. Germany announces job plan

BONN (R) — The West German government Monday announced a scheme to create 56,000 jobs, but it came under immediate attack from opposition Social Democrats (SPD) who said the plan did not go far enough. Labour Office President Josef Stiglitz told a news conference his office planned to spend 1.3 billion marks (\$525,000) this year to provide the temporary jobs, mainly in environmental and social services.

### IMF approves loan to Argentina

WASHINGTON (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said Monday it had approved a \$2.18 billion loan to assist recovery of Argentina's ailing economy. The loan is the latest in a series of financial moves to help cash-starved Latin America stave off economic default and other problems that have hit the international monetary system. The IMF said \$1.62 billion would be available over the next 15 months under a standby financial arrangement, while the remainder would be given immediately under the agency's pool of funds for countries hit by export problems.

### Confusion hits business in Greece

ATHENS (R) — Greece's business world has been plunged into confusion by government proposals to cut imports of some 22 industrial products, industry officials said Monday. They said there was uncertainty over what the European Community would allow Greece to do, and over how much notice the socialist government in Athens would take of Brussels. The Greek government, seeking to narrow a gaping trade deficit, asked the European Commission this month for permission to restrict the imports, and a full reply is expected in March.

### France denies seeking new loan

PARIS (R) — Finance Minister Jacques Delors Monday strongly denied that France was seeking a further international loan to defend the franc from currency speculation. He said a report in the influential newspaper Le Monde at the weekend that France was negotiating \$3 billion loan with U.S. banks was totally without foundation. France raised \$4 billion from the world's major banks to bolster its reserves late last year, and Mr. Delors did confirm that this had all now been drawn.

### Japanese vehicle output falls

TOKYO (R) — Japanese vehicle production fell last year for the first time in eight years, declining 3.9 per cent to 10.74 million vehicles, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association said Tuesday. It attributed the fall from 11.18 million vehicles in 1981 to poor export performance and voluntary restraints in car shipments to the United States and some European countries. The association said that last year Japan produced 6.89 million cars, 3.78 million trucks, and 67,000 buses.

### UAE, Japan review oil relations

ABU DHABI (OPECNA) — Mr. Tahoun Bin Mohammad, chairman of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), and Mr. Toshi Nobu Wada, chairman of the Japanese National Oil Company, met here to review cooperation between the two countries in the oil and petrochemical industries.

## U.K.'s \$850m rebate from EEC to stay in balance

BRUSSELS (R) — Britain's \$850 million budget rebate from the European Community will remain in the balance for two months until the European Parliament decides whether to lift its veto on payment, diplomats said.

They said they were hopeful parliament would accept a pledge from ministers and the executive commission of speedy efforts to reform the Community budget, a parliamentary condition for accepting the rebate.

The issue is due for discussion at the February session of parliament in Strasbourg, but members are in no hurry to comply with a British deadline for payment before the end of March, according to diplomats.

Britain will probably have to wait for the March session before

knowing whether it will get the money in time to help balance its budget.

Parliament leaders reacted cautiously to the pledge which emerged from a foreign ministers meeting here Monday. The speaker Mr. Pieter Dankert said it was a step in the right direction but further clarification was necessary.

Member governments and Community officials are anxious to ensure parliamentary approval for the refund to avoid deadlock in their relations with the assembly, diplomats said.

If it rejects the commission's proposals which were endorsed by the foreign ministers Monday, Britain may carry out its threat to withhold payments to Community funds.

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market closed higher in moderate trading as sterling moved back above \$1.54, dealers said.

After opening lower, leaders were firmer at the close with Beecham up 9p at 350 and ICI 6p better at 368. The F.T. index at 1500 Tuesday was up 7.5 to 6132.

Government bonds recovered early losses to show gains of as much as 3/4 point in shorts in moderate trading, dealers said. The firmer trend in sterling and the higher opening on the U.S. bond market helped market sentiment, dealers added.

Gold shares were sharply higher in line with the bullion price while North American shares were firmer.

Rank was down 2p at 102 after 109 following its annual results but Guinness rose 8p to 111 after annual results at the top end of market expectations. Beecham gained 12p at 353. It acquired the home improvements products business, Dap Inc. While Mercantile House Holdings was up 15p at 700 after interim figures.

Bats was up 15p at 699, Cable and Wireless gained 12p at 375 and Grand Met firmed 4p at 338, all on export considerations, dealers noted.

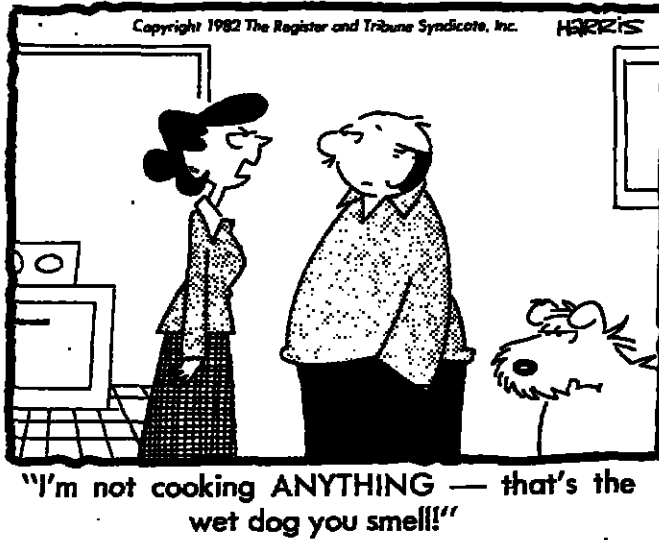
Oils were mostly lower reflecting continued concern over oil prices with Shell down 2p at 410. Britoil was off 1p at 55.

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

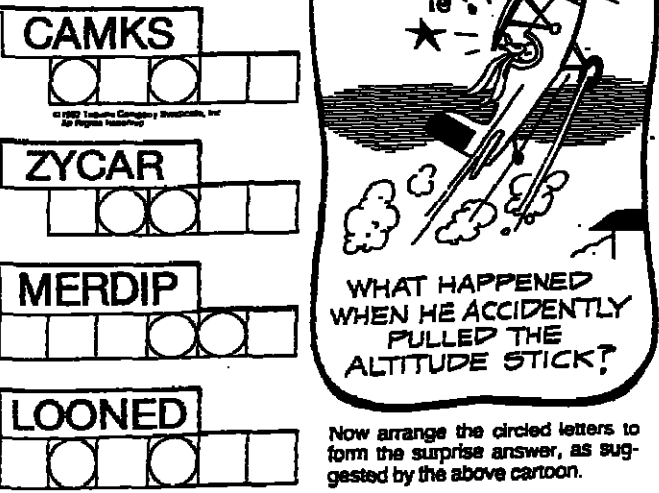
One sterling	1.5327/37	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2327/30	Canadian dollars
	2.4450/60	West German marks
	2.6765/75	Dutch guilders
	2.0055/70	Swiss francs
	47.65/70	Belgian francs
	6.9240/70	French francs
	1403.50/1404.50	Italian lire
	238.00/15	Japanese yen
	7.4510/60	Swedish crowns
	7.1500/50	Norwegian crowns
	8.5825/5925	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	485.50/486.50	U.S. dollars

## THE BETTER HALF By Harris



## JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

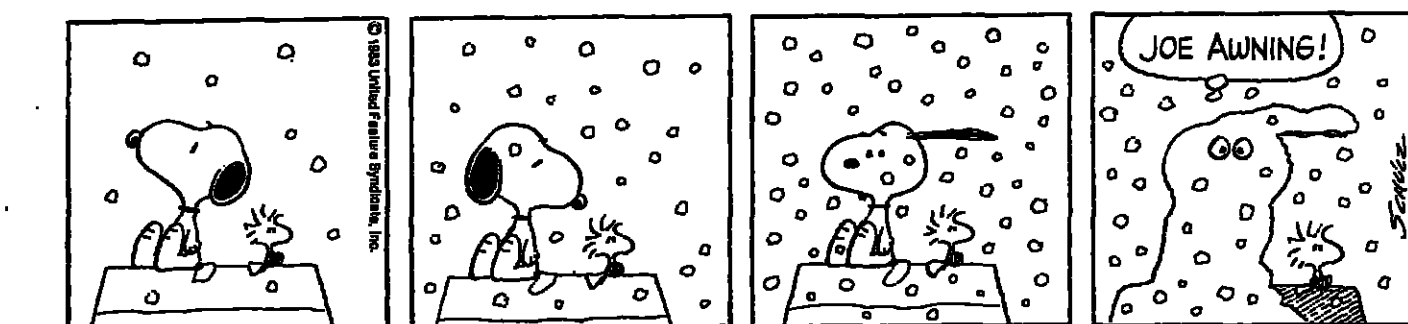
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Answer: IT HIM (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: VOUCH INKED ARCTIC FOMENT  
Answer: Better not make this kind of homemade bread — COUNTERFEIT

## Peanuts



## Mutt 'n' Jeff



## Andy Capp



## FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26, 1983

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** There is considerable activity in motion now and this is a good opportunity to express your skills. You can easily put your personal affairs on a more secure structure at this time.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** You are able to find new interests that can give you added abundance at this time. Be sure to maintain a cheerful manner.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Carry through with ideas that will bring you more harmony and ideal conditions at your home. Use your ability to organize.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Contact one who can help you get ahead in your line of endeavor. Adopt a more logical outlook on life and be practical.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** Money should be uppermost on your mind today. Use practical sense in all your business dealings.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Get busy doing what you most want to do and make real headway toward personal and business success. Use care in motion.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** Make long-range plans that will give added security in the days ahead. Show closest ties that you are truly devoted.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Good day to be with fascinating friends for the recreation that is mutually pleasurable. Take steps to improve your health.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Make constructive plans that could give you greater success in business. Do nothing that could harm your good name.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Take advantage of an opportunity to advance in your career and become more prosperous. Be active and cheerful.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Use your ingenuity to expand in business affairs and get good results now. Strive for more harmony with family members.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** A good time to make concrete plans that could bring added income in the future. Take no chances with your reputation.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Study your environment and make plans to improve it. Come to a better accord with co-workers. Show that you have poise.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY** ... he or she will be able to gain the proper perspective in business dealings, so be sure to equip with the best education possible and much success will follow. Religious training must come early. A strong person here.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

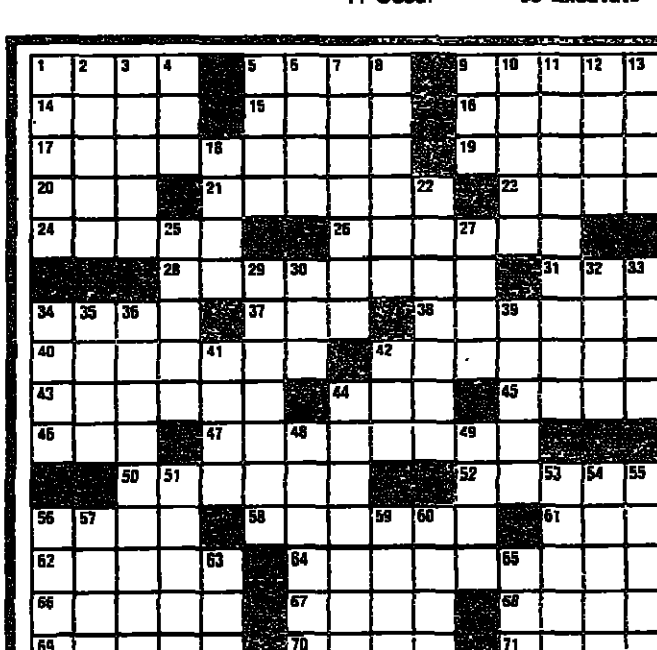
## THE Daily Crossword by Manny Miller

**ACROSS**

- Myerson or Truman
- Young seal
- Grizzly
- Tax gp.
- Thin layer
- Joan of Arc's town
- Naval officer
- Feeling deep affection
- Expression of shock
- Farmer's place
- Wreath
- Set firmly
- McQueen or Martin
- Arabian gazelles
- Angry
- Young seal
- Grizzly
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- Thin layer
- Joan of Arc's town
- Naval officer
- Feeling deep affection
- Expression of shock
- Farmer's place
- Wreath
- Set firmly
- McQueen or Martin

**DOWN**

- Supplies with money
- White bird
- Gleamed
- Animal pouch
- Dumbbell
- Ousted ruler of Uganda
- Group of countries
- Expresses scorn
- Wood sorrel
- Erie, for one
- Occur
- Body fluid
- Limerick
- Military plays
- Wave: Sp.
- Change mechanism
- Actress Massey
- Roof part
- Woe — I
- Wedge-shaped mark
- Husky's vehicle
- Exclamations
- Of the government
- Unethical gifts
- Otherwise
- Former actress
- Bordoni
- code
- Feather
- Harness parts
- Secular
- Fitzgerald
- Contributed
- out (made do)
- Traitor
- Excavate



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## WORLD

## Jiang Qing's sentence reduced to life term

PEKING (R) — China's supreme court Tuesday commuted the death sentence on Mao Tse-tung's widow Jiang Qing to life imprisonment, the New China News Agency said.

The official news agency said the other member of the so-called "gang of four" leftist leaders sentenced to death two years ago, former Vice-Premier Zhang Chunqiao, also had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

Madame Jiang and the former Shanghai Mayor were given death sentences suspended for two years on Jan. 25, 1981, for plotting to overthrow the government and counter-revolution.

The "gang of four" were purged and jailed a month after Mao's death in 1976. They received most of the blame for the disastrous Maoist Cultural Revolution from 1966 to 1976.

The other two members, former

Communist Party Vice-Chairman Wang Hongwen and propagandist Yao Wenyuan, were sentenced to life imprisonment and 20 years in jail respectively.

The agency quoted the court as saying the commutation of the death penalties was made "in view of their behaviour during the period of reprieve...."

It said that article 46 of the new criminal code adopted in 1979 provided for a reprieve "where an offender sentenced to the death penalty with reprieve demonstrates sufficient repentance during the period of reprieve."

The ruling thus appeared to contradict earlier statements by Chinese leaders that Mao's widow remained unrepentant.

The court ruling said the two had caused particularly grave harm to the state and the people and had therefore been given suspended death sentences.

But an examination at the end of the reprieve "showed the two criminals had not resisted reform in a flagrant way," it added.

Since her trial with the other three members of the so-called gang, Mrs. Mao has been undergoing "reform through labour" in an unidentified prison. She is said to be making dolls.

The "gang" and six others were charged with ultimate responsibility for persecuting to death nearly 35,000 of the 730,000 people they were said to have victimised or framed during Mao's Cultural Revolution from 1966-76.

Jiang Qing said in her defence she was merely carrying out the orders of Chairman Mao and the Communist Party central committee.

"I was Chairman Mao's dog," she told the court. "If he said bite someone, I bit them."

## Pentagon removes 'Jap' page

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Defence Department is re-decorating its "correspondents corridor", dedicated to war correspondents, with front pages from World War II newspapers, but one of them has been removed after complaint from a Japanese reporter.

The front page of the San Francisco Examiner of Aug. 14, 1945, said: "Japs accept peace."

But the word "Japs" is considered "an expression of contempt" towards Japanese according to Katsuhiko Kabasawa, a correspondent for the Japanese news agency Jiji who said he complained last Friday to the Pentagon.

The reproduction of the front page was taken down. But Pentagon officials said it was removed not because of any complaint but because it was stained and wrinkled.

## Maker of 'My Fair Lady' dies at 83

LOS ANGELES (R) — George Cukor, who directed 48 feature films during more than half a century in filming, died here Monday night aged 83, less than two years after the release of his last picture.

Candice Bergen and Jacqueline Bisset, who starred in "Rich and Famous" released in 1981, provided a fitting ending for a professional who became known as a "woman's director" for his work with Greta Garbo, Katherine Hepburn, Judy Holliday and Joan Crawford, among others.

However, actors such as James Stewart, Ronald Colman and Rex Harrison won academy awards for work in Cukor-directed films, and Cary Grant, James Mason and Spencer Tracy turned in outstanding performances.

He also worked with the famous Barrymore family, John Lionel and Ethyl and Jean Harlow in "dinner at eight".

Some of his movies have become classics. They include his first notable film, "Little Women" in 1933, "The Women", with Norma Shearer and Crawford, and "Pat and Mike" with Tracy and Hepburn.

He was later to direct the adaptation of Lerner and Loewe's "My Fair Lady".

He never won an Academy Award for direction but won American television's equivalent, the Emmy for best direction in 1975. He was 74, and the made-for-TV feature was "Love Among the Ruins" with Hepburn and Laurence Olivier.

A writer's director too, he felt that the projection of spontaneity was impossible without good writing. Most of his films were adapted from plays or books.

"I don't try any tricks. We just played the scenes the way I felt they should be played," he said recently.

Hungarian-born Cukor built a career on high comedy, high melodrama and high gloss.

He ridiculed the idea that the great actresses were creatures of temperament who let their caprices rule their careers.

"These people are too intelligent to be difficult or disagreeable," he once said. "They are business people and performing is their business."

## Southern Florida wildlife officials kill 1 of few existing panthers accidentally

MIAMI (R) — Wildlife officials are under heavy criticism for accidentally killing one of the few Florida panthers that still exist in the wild.

The panthers, a smaller version of the cougars that roam the western part of the continent, are thought to number no more than 20 where once there were hundreds and their range is now limited to Southern Florida's Everglades swampland.

State wildlife officials have tried to save them by fitting some with collars containing small radio receivers, which allow observers to follow the panther's movements.

But last week state game biologists trying to replace batteries in a tracking device accidentally killed a panther with a tranquilliser dart by shooting it into an artery instead of into the small female's muscles, killing her instantly with the massive dose.

The assistant chief of the state's wildlife division, Allan Egbert, said that it was time to rethink the whole radio telemetry programme.

But his boss, game commissioner Robert Brantly, said the information the collars provided still represented the best chance of saving the natural population.

The programme was halted this week to "see if any improvements can be made" but Brantly said it would probably be resumed.

Many conservationists object to the whole programme, saying the state should concentrate on protecting the cats' remaining habitat.

The head of the Friends of the Everglades, author Marjory Douglas, said far from helping the animals the programme probably led to reduced natural breeding.

But game biologist Chris Belden said: "The panther is such a secretive animal and the area it inhabits so rough that there is really no way to get the information without telemetry."

## Radio Solidarity goes on air as 10 former activists go on trial in Warsaw

WARSAW (R) — Radio Solidarity returned briefly to the airwaves in Warsaw Monday night as the trial opened of 10 free trade union activists accused of setting up the clandestine radio station.

A male announcer spoke for about seven minutes on a weak transmission heard in the city centre, giving details of the trial, praising the courage of the defendants and saying that although the union is banned the radio lives on.

Those on trial include Zbigniew Romaszewski, alleged to be the chief organiser of the station, who was captured by police last summer, and his wife Zosia, one of the announcers.

The radio station broadcast about a dozen times last summer in the capital. It used small transmitters worked by a timing device to play tapes giving information and encouragement to Solidarity underground supporters.

Solidarity was dissolved by the authorities in October, just over two months before the suspension

of martial law.

Giving an account of Monday's trial opening, the Radio Solidarity announcer said some of those involved could receive up to 10 years imprisonment.

He said the clandestine radio had aimed to provide a mouthpiece to offset broadcasts by the official media, access to which Solidarity had vigorously campaigned for before it was silenced by martial law in Dec. 1981.

He described the defendants as "the most courageous among us."

He said they were the ones "who had the courage to attack the totalitarian state's monopoly of information and took up the defence of the threatened union."

The broadcaster said, "our union was delegitimised but Radio Solidarity lives and functions still."

Earlier this evening police went into action briefly to disperse several hundred people marching along a main street after attending a mass in Warsaw cathedral to

commemorate an uprising in 1863 against Czarist Russia, then occupying what is now eastern Poland.

Police used little force to break up the march but later two police columns, each with more than 10 vehicles, were seen driving near the city centre.

## Ghanaians' plight eased as Benin opens border

SEME, Nigeria (R) — The plight of at least one million Ghanaians, ordered out of Nigeria but unable to leave, has been eased by Benin opening its borders to them, Benin immigration officials have said.

The officials said thousands of the Ghanaians, who had been camping on the border with their possessions, streamed into Benin when the border was opened.

Benin police told reporters at the border Monday they would not admit the Ghanaians, given two weeks to leave Nigeria because they were illegal aliens, until Ghana opened its own frontiers which have been closed since last September.

The officials could give no reason for the change in policy, but they said the problem might simply be transferred to Benin's border with Togo, which the Ghanaians have to cross to get home.

They said that frontier was closed to Ghanaians and those passing through the border post here at Seme, 80 kilometres west of Lagos, might have to camp again at the Togolese border.

Many of the Ghanaians said they had been waiting here for four or five days in the hope of being allowed to enter Benin and were rapidly running out of food and money.

Some said they did not know how they were going to cross Benin because buses and taxis were charging four times the usual fare for the trip.

Hundreds more men, women and children were pouring up the road from Lagos to join the exodus in overloaded buses.

Most Ghanaians affected by the order to quit Nigeria by next weekend have already been dismissed from their jobs in the construction industry or as house servants and have lost their accommodation.

Diplomats said there was serious concern for their safety and there had already been reports of homeless Ghanaians being attacked and robbed.

Vast numbers of West Africans have been drawn to Nigeria over the past decade by its oil boom, but oil revenue has declined in the world oil glut. According to some local observers, the expulsion, six months before national and presidential elections are scheduled, seems aimed at creating jobs for Nigerians put out of work by the recession.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## S. African talks at sensitive stage

CAPE TOWN (R) — Negotiations stemming from last month's Cape Verde meeting between Angolan and South African ministers have reached a sensitive level, a South African foreign ministry spokesman said Tuesday. "At this stage discussion in the press would only jeopardise their success," he added when asked about Lisbon radio reports of an agreement between Angola and South Africa under which Cuban troops and Namibian nationalist guerrillas in southern Angola would be withdrawn to a line 200 kilometres north of the border with Namibia (South West Africa).

## Thai police arrest hijack leader

BANGKOK (R) — The leader of a group of three hijackers who evaded capture in northern Thailand for a week was found asleep in a hut Tuesday a few hundred metres from the Burmese border, police said. A police spokesman in Chiang Mai, where the hijacking of a Thai airliner ended last Tuesday, said Chaimongkol Mengpond confessed to heading the group and was about to give himself up. He carried an identity card saying he was a civil servant. Police caught one suspected member of the gang during a raid on a village near Chiang Mai airport last Thursday. The third suspect is still at large.

## Rolling Stones have gathered some moss

LONDON (R) — Rock star Mick Jagger said in an interview published that the Rolling Stones would have to break up but predicted that this would happen slowly. "It's going to have to break up. It can't go on like an old comedy act," the British group's lead singer told the mass-circulation Sun newspaper. "The band has done what it set out to do... I don't know what goals are left." Referring to the group's future, he said: "It will disintegrate very slowly. (Bass guitarist) Bill Wyman has been saying for years that he will retire from the group and one of these years he's finally going to do it." Jagger added that his mother would be delighted to see the end of the Stones. "She has always been unhappy with what I do," he said.

## Search on for abducted Soviets in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (R) — Soviet and Afghan troops have begun a house-to-house search in the northern Afghanistan town of Mazar-i-Sharif for up to 16 Soviet civilian advisers abducted by rebels early this month. Western diplomatic sources said in Islamabad Tuesday. The sources, quoting what they described as reliable reports from the area, said the troops had taken several women hostage and were barring people from entering or leaving the area.

## London police want help against crime

LONDON (R) — London's police have said they need more help from the public to fight against rising crime. Sir Kenneth Newman, who took over three months ago as metropolitan police commissioner, told reporters he wants to put more uniformed "bobbies" on the street and to organise neighbourhood watch groups in high crime areas.

## U.S. Supreme Court postpones execution

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Supreme Court has postponed the execution of convicted murderer Thomas Barefoot just 11 hours before he was due to be put to death by lethal injection in Texas. The court, which agreed to stay his execution to give him more time to appeal against conviction, wants to use the case to settle guidelines on how federal courts should handle last-minute death penalty appeals in future. The justices agreed to hear oral arguments in the case on April 26 to determine whether a federal appeals court in New Orleans followed proper procedure last week in refusing to block the 37-year-old Barefoot's execution.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

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Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♦ A J 9 8  
♦ K J 10 8  
♦ 10 9 7 3  
♦ 3

**WEST** ♦ K Q 4  
♦ Q 4 2  
♦ J 8 4  
♦ 9 8 5 4

**EAST** ♦ 10 7 6 5 3  
♦ A 7 6 3  
♦ A K 6  
♦ 7

**SOUTH**  
♦ 2  
♦ 9 5  
♦ Q 5 2  
♦ A K Q J 10 6 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
3 NT Pass Pass Pass  
Opening lead: King of ♠.

The London segment of the Philip Morris European Bridge Cup was won by Martin Hoffman and Paul Hackett, two of Britain's most successful tournament players. Hoffman has long been regarded as one of Europe's finest card players. Here's an example of his technique, taken from that event.

Hoffman and his partner were playing the Gambling Three No Trump Convention. The opening bid showed a solid seven-card minor suit with little or nothing on the side. North is free to play in that contract or to correct, usually to the minor suit.

Here, North had no problem.

West led the king of spades. Declarer started off with eight tricks — seven clubs and the ace of spades. Can you tell which card became the ninth trick?

Declarer won the ace of spades and started to run clubs, reducing the hand to this position:

**NORTH**  
♦ J 9  
♦ K J 10  
♦ 10  
♦ —

**WEST** ♦ Q 4  
♦ Q 4  
♦ J 8  
♦ —

**EAST** ♦ 10  
♦ A 7  
♦ A K 6  
♦ —

**SOUTH**  
♦ —  
♦ 9 5  
♦ Q 5 2  
♦ 2

On the last club, all three hands parted with a diamond. Now declarer led a low heart to the ten and East's ace. That defender took his high diamonds. West stuffed the queen of hearts on the second diamond and dummy was forced to pitch both hearts. Now the nine of hearts in declarer's hand became the fulfilling card.

Note that if West retains the queen of hearts and discards a spade, dummy will keep the king of hearts and only one spade.

## Mafia suspected of killing Sicilian state prosecutor

TRAPANI Sicily (R) — A car containing the bullet-riddled body of a state prosecutor was found Tuesday in the hills above this west Sicilian town in what appeared to be a mafia murder, police said.

Deputy prosecutor Gian-giacomo Ciacio Montalto, 40, father of two small girls, had launched a series of anti-mafia trials and was investigating underworld involvement in the building industry.

Two local politicians from the Liberal and Republican parties were recently arrested on Mr.

Montalto's orders for alleged irregularities in awarding building contracts.

Mr. Montalto was due to move to Florence shortly after requesting a transfer from mafia-dominated western Sicily.

In the island's capital Palermo, killers burst into the cancer ward of a hospital Tuesday night and gunned down a convicted drugs smuggler in front of terrified patients. Police said the murder of Nunzio la Mattina, who was seriously ill with cancer, was apparently meant as a warning to others.

## Nigerian president arrives for talks with New Delhi

NEW DELHI (R) — Nigerian President Shehu Shagari, leader of black Africa's biggest oil-producing nation, arrived Tuesday for talks with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and other Indian leaders likely to focus on economic and technical cooperation.

Mr. Shagari, the first Nigerian head of state to visit India, will be the main guest at Wednesday's Republic Day celebrations.

His visit was taking place in advance of a Non-Aligned summit here in March and his talks were likely to cover issues expected to come up at that gathering, though the main emphasis will probably be on bilateral cooperation.

Nigerian officials said trade agreements were likely to be

signed both in India and Pakistan, which President Shagari will visit beginning on Friday.

India buys 500,000 tonnes of crude oil a year from Nigeria, but its exports, mainly machinery, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals, account for only about 530 million rupees (\$58 million) in two-way trade at present worth 1.8 billion rupees (\$200 million) annually.

Nigeria is largely dependent on foreign expertise for its development and there are 22 Indian joint ventures in operation in Nigeria. A large number of Indian technicians and professional staff are involved in training Nigerians.

Indian officials said they were happy at the developing economic relationship in agriculture and industrial projects.

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